

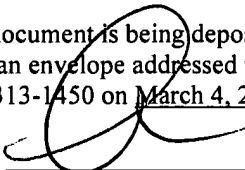


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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO DECISION ON APPEAL**

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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Decision on Appeal dated January 12, 2010 ("Decision") for the above-captioned U.S. patent application, and is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) within two months of the Decision to address the New Grounds of Rejection set forth in the Decision.

**Amendments to the Claims** are listed begin on **Page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **Page 10** of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged in a Transmittal Letter filed herewith.